

*Programme area 2:*

*Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases*

*Lead Parties: Belarus and Norway*

## **Suggested future activities for the period 2020–2022**

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# Objectives and expected outcomes

- Support Parties and other States in implementing article 8 of the Protocol, specifically to:
  - (a) Strengthen national and local capacities to improve, maintain and sustain vigilant public health surveillance and early warning systems of water-related disease
  - (b) Enhance preparedness, outbreak investigation and response capacities
  - (c) Support building of effective drinking-water quality surveillance systems
- Substantiate setting of targets for preventing and reducing water-related disease in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol
- Support implementation of the International Health Regulations, in particular strengthening of national core capacities for surveillance and response
- *Linkages to 2030 Agenda*: activities aligned with and support implementation of SDG targets 3.3, 3.9, 3.d, 6.1 and 6.2



# 2.1. Water-related disease surveillance and outbreak management



1. Disseminate the new publication on WRD surveillance and outbreak management
  - Web-posting and printing
  - Disseminate through the Protocol network and capacity building events
  - Translation into national language and use in developing national guidelines/tools
2. Update training modules on WRD surveillance and outbreak management with annotated notes
  - Build on the content of the new guidance document (include section on environmental investigation and risk assessment)
  - Use experience from workshops
  - Waterborne outbreak scenario case study and computer based exercise
  - Review and publish online



## 2.1. Water-related disease surveillance and outbreak management

### 3. Organize capacity-building workshops on WRD surveillance and outbreak management

- Continue with workshops based on expression of interest
- Needs assessment survey → targeted content
- Stand-alone training sessions or integrated within thematic area 2.2 on surveillance of drinking-water quality

### 4. Convene a regional meeting on Legionella: exchange of experience and good practices related to prevention, control and surveillance

- Technical preparation, scoping and planning
- Get overview of the situation and surveillance capacity in the countries
- Share country experiences and case studies on Legionella control and prevention
- Discuss further actions at the national level and under the Protocol



## 2.2. Strengthening capacity in uptake of risk-based approaches in drinking-water quality surveillance



1. Disseminate the publication and promote national uptake of its key principles
  - Web-posting and printing
  - Disseminate through the Protocol network and capacity building events
  - Translation into national language and use in developing national guidelines/tools



## 2.2. Strengthening capacity in uptake of risk-based approaches in drinking-water quality surveillance

### 2. Organize sub-regional and national capacity-building workshops

- support Parties and other States in adopting risk-based drinking water surveillance approaches in regulations and practice
- integrate with other programme area activities: WSPs, surveillance and outbreak management of WRDs, surveillance of small-scale systems

### 3. Create and disseminate a reference list/inventory of supporting resources on risk-based surveillance of drinking-water quality

- engage with countries to obtain national resources (regulations, standards and tools)
- foster exchange of country experiences and best practices



# Thank you for your attention

